Reproduction Research Centres are also being involved in upgrading skills. Birth spacing through use of IUD's is being promoted through information, Education and Communication.

Sterilization Beds Scheme in A.P.

295. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many beds have been sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh under Sterilisation Beds Scheme;

(b) what is the maintenance grant per bed under this scheme;

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the maintenance grant;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Under the Sterilisation Bed Scheme, there are 310 beds functioning in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Rs. 3000/- per year if tubectomies perfomed are 75/60 per bed for Govt./ Voluntary Organisations respectively.

Rs. 2400/- per year for at least 45 tubectomies per bed.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal to enhance the maintenance grant in 8th Five Year Plan due to financial constraints.

Seminar on 'Custody Deaths'

296. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Seminar conducted by the Delhi Regional Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration on 'custodial deaths' was held in New Delhi in December, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the experts felt that there is a need for creating a climate against the use of third degree methods on people in custody;

(c) if so, whether it was urged in the Seminar that the custody-deaths are on the increase and a concrete legislation in this regard is needed;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government on their suggestions; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to check the custodial deaths which have been lately on increase and people have been resenting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The Government has no information about such a Seminar or about any recommendations made therein.

(e) "Police" and "Public Order" are included in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution Consequently, the State Government concerned are primarily responsible for taking action to improve the methods for interrogations, and ensure human treatment towards criminals.

The Government of India have however, issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to ensure that the police forces conduct themselves in a humane manner and that alleged cases of police excesses, if any, should be taken serious note of and dealt with promptly and firmly.

Demand for more powers by Delhi Government

297. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rules of Business for the Delhi Government have been finalised;

(b) whether the powers of the Chief Minister and his council of Ministers have been kept ambiguous and over riding powers have been given to Lt. Governor;